

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present Application. Claims 1 and 13 have been amended; claims 55 and 58-60 are canceled; and claims 63-65 are added. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the present application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Independent claim 62 is allowed.

Claims 55 and 58-60 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims 1 and 13, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for pointing out allowable subject matter in claims 55 and 58-60 and in claim 62. Applicant amends independent claims 1 and 13 to incorporate the subject matter of claims 55 and 58-60, respectively. Also, Applicant adds new claims 63-65 to round out the scope of the invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the patent application.

Rejections based on 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 8, 11-13, 21, 24, 26, 45-50, 56-57, and 61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) and being unpatentable over Moran, U.S. Patent No. 6,509,912, in view of Saund, U.S. Patent No. 6,411,732, and further in view of Matthews, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,028,604. This rejection is moot because applicant amends independent claims 1 and 13 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 55 and 58-60.

CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons stated above, the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the pending rejections and allowance of the claims. If any issues remain that would prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned to resolve the same. It is believed that no fee is due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount required to Deposit Account No. 19-2112, referencing Attorney Docket No. MFCP.148845.

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